

16 MAY 218

Elagabalus's accession to
the throne.

8 June 218

Macrinus was defeated by the rebels outside Antioch and fled north. He shaved his beard and hair in hope of avoiding detection but was betrayed and apprehended at CHALCEDON while waiting to cross the Bosphorus. His son DIADUMENIANUS was captured at ZEUGMA on the Syrian frontier and killed.

Macrinus was executed by a centurion
at ACHELAIS in CAPPADOCIA. in June or July
He was 53.

He had angered the soldiers and
paid the price.

AD 218-235

WOMEN RUN THE EMPIRE

Following the death of MACRINUS, an African usurper, in the middle of the SEVERAN dynasty rule reverted to Syrian in -law of the late SEPTIMIUS SEVERUS. Youths unfit for governing, first ELAGABALUS, and then his cousin SEVERUS ALEXANDER rule under the regency of their grandmother JULIA MAESA and

their mothers.

218-222
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born 205? died 222

(another Antioch)

E LAGABALUS - First cousin
of CARACALLA

(who HELIOGABALUS)

218 AD

Halle's Court appeared - Civil war
in China

218

MACRINUS defeated and killed
by troops of BASSIANUS (ELAGABALUS)
the thirteen-year-old priest of the
Syrian sun god at EMESSA.
Elagabalus is emperor

The third legion "Sallica" stationed in Syria decided they had enough of their protégé and tried to make Varrus their commander in person. This move failed, as did subsequent attempts by ① the 4th legion ② by the flat ③ by the shadow pretender called Seleucus.

Publius Valerius Corvus was
appointed commander of the
praetorian guard

Elagabalus was Consul I

Consul II - 219

Consul III - 220

Consul IV - 222

Elagabalus spent some months in the east, first at Antioch, then later at Nicomedia in Asia Minor there he executed Gannus, the very man who had helped him to power now real power lay with his mother JULIA SOA EMIS, and his grandmother, the redoubtable JULIA MAESA.

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Elagabalus was emperor

218AD - 272AD

HELIOGABALUS emperor